DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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September 18, 1987

Letter: 87-57

To: All County Welfare Directors

All County Administrative Officers

Subject: Cost Avoidance: Provider Bulletin

Some counties had requested a copy of the bulletin mailed to providers regarding the new cost avoidance other coverage codes and procedures for billing other health insurance prior to billing Medi-Cal. Attached is a copy for your information.

Please note that the existing pay and chase other coverage codes for American General (A), Blue Shield (X) and Blue Cross (Y for North and Z for South) will still appear on some recipient's cards.

If you have any questions, please call Paula Marty at (916) 739-3274.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Angeline Mrva, for Frank S. Martucci, Chief Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons

Medi-Cal Program Consultants

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Attachment

Expiration Date: March 31, 1988



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Additional Other Coverage Codes

Beginning September 1, 1987, recipients eligible for American General, Blue Shield, and Blue Cross health coverage insurance plans will show a new other coverage code on their Medi-Cal cards. Other coverage codes for CHAMPUS, Kaiser, Ross Loos, and PHP/HMO will remain the same.

Carrier	Other Coverage Codes
American General	G (New)
Blue Shield	S (New)
Blue Cross	B (New)

The figure below shows the location of the other coverage code on the Medi-Cai ID card.

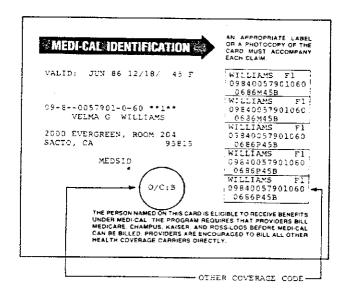


Figure 1. Medi-Cal I.D. Card with Other Coverage Code

The Medi-Cal program is prohibited by federal law from paying for services for recipients enrolled in other health coverage insurance plans. Providers must bill the appropriate carrier for services rendered to recipients with other health coverage.

Claims for these recipients will be denied unless documentation is submitted with the claim that the service or broduct is not covered by the other health coverage. This applies to all providers, all services, and to all recipients with other coverage codes G. B. S. C. K. P. or R on their Medi-Cai ID card, with the following Pharmacy and Long Term Care exceptions.